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TO THE MINERS OF CALIFORNIA.

We have purposely abstained hitherto from sending abroad as glowing accounts from the newly-discovered mines in British Columbia as the circumstances really warranted; for the simple reason that it would have been highly injurious to the prospects of the country to have induced any large influx of people to these colonies at a time when the proper facilities were not in existence for reaching the mines. If instead of the few hundred persons we have been lately receiving from San Francisco, as many thousands had landed on our shores, we should have had a reaction that would have proved little short of disastrous to our prospects the present year. All such risks, however, are now gone. By the time this reaches our California readers, the travel between Victoria and Big Bend will be both easy and rapid. Miners will be enabled to reach the diggings in at least one half the time which the journey via Portland will consume, and provisions will be packed through to the mines at a figure that will seem almost insignificant when compared with freight to Idaho, Montana, or even Cariboo. Our New Westminster contemporary puts down the probable maximum price of provisions at Big Bend during the season at 20 cents per pound; but allowing over a margin of fifty per cent. over this computation, or 30 cents a pound, and we shall have a rate immeasurably below that of any of the other great Northern gold mines—a rate that will enable the miners to live throughout the season for about \$3 a week.

When we take into consideration the actual prospects which have been obtained up till the present time at Big Bend—Dupuy's hill claim taking out \$2,500 in eight days—two of the party having in one of the days taken out \$800; the Discovery claim taking 60 ounces out in one day, and averaging throughout from two to four ounces to the hand; and Shep Bailey's claim taking out in a few days \$1,500, we are able to form some idea of the richness of the auriferous region in the vicinity of the great bend of the Columbia river. What makes these facts the more gratifying is that the creek which turned out so well—French creek—runs only from six to fifteen feet in depth. On Carries creek, where from \$15 to \$60 a day were obtained last season to the hand, the ground runs much deeper, a shaft of 36 feet having been sunk without coming to the bed-rock. The latest news from Carries Creek announces the discovery of rich bank claims and a great excitement in consequence. On McCulloch's Creek the claims averaged from two to three ounces a day to the hand. The accounts so far this season more than corroborate the stories which were circulated during the winter; and we have no doubt as summer advances we shall have facts to publish concerning our new mines that will startle the Pacific coast. Over a tract of country which has been proved to be highly auriferous for a distance of about one hundred miles, it would be contrary to all experience to suppose that large "strikes" will not be made; but it is not on this well grounded supposition that we would invite the miners of California to Big Bend—it is on the fact that the diggings are easily worked, that the gold is plentifully dispersed, and that an extensive virgin field presents itself to the enterprising miner. When we compare the chances of any other mining region on the continent with those of Big Bend, we can with truth affirm that they are meagre in the extreme. We have already had accounts of the prospects of Montana and Idaho—a few good claims, an infinity of bad ones, and a large number of the population with no claims at all—suffering the while the greatest hardships. If we look at the recently-discovered mines in Central America, which have allure thousands of unfortunate people from California, we shall find no end of disappointment and desolation. The letter of the American Consul, given in our yesterday's issue, warns the miners of the danger of going to these gold fields with a less sum after traveling expenses are paid than \$500. It is evident therefore these are not the diggings for the California public. There is in fact no gold country which possesses a title of the substantial attractions that Big Bend affords today, and when we couple with this fact the cheapness of reaching the mines and the low price at which provisions will range during the ensuing season, we think we are placing before the California miner a field for his enterprise unequalled in any other auriferous country.

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